

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action dated December 14, 2007 claims 19, 21 to 23 and 25 to 27 were pending of which claims 19, 21 to 23 and 25 to 27 were rejected.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 19, 21 to 23 and 25 to 27 are cancelled and new claims 28 to 34 are added.

The subject matter of claim 28 is substantially the same as original claim 19 with the addition of positive recitation of the component the manipulator as disclosed in the specification at page 7 for instance.

The subject matter of claims 29 to 34 corresponds to claims 21 to 23 and 25 to 27.

We submit that in making these amendments no new subject matter has been added.

DISCUSSION

Prior Art Rejections

We submit that new claims 28 to 34 are not anticipated and are patentable over Chobotov et al (US 2002/0151953) and Ivancev et al (US Patent 6,773,457) whether taken singly or in combination.

Neither of the references Chobotov et al and Ivancev et al teach or suggest the mounting of a prosthesis onto a deployment device where the prosthesis is everted and mounted to the deployment device at three places each of which is separately movable. The central portion of the prosthesis is releasably mounted to the manipulator which can move on the deployment catheter, the proximal end of the prosthesis is fastened to the distal end of the deployment catheter and the distal end of the prosthesis is fastened to the nose cone dilator. Each of these can be moved independently of the other.

We submit that Claims 28 to 34 are patentable over Chobotov et al (US 2002/0151953) in view of Ivancev et al (US Patent 6,773,457).

The re-examination and consideration of this application is respectfully requested, and it is further requested that the application be passed to issue.

Although the foregoing discussion is believed to be dispositive of the issues in this case, applicants' attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner to further discuss any unresolved issues remaining after the Examiner's consideration of this response and amendment.

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